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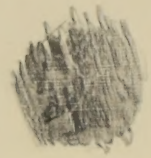
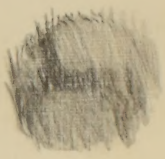
Dear Sir: I have been fortunate enough to obtain at Carthage quite a number of coins from the site of the various cities that have stood on the historic peninsular.

I am taking the liberty of of asking you if there is any value to copper coins of the Punic period. I am inclined to believe there are not many in existance of the Phoenician city. I have six coins which I suppose to be punic - a head

male, bended, semitic looking, no inscription on one side: a "flying" horse on other.

I will be greatly obliged if you can give me any information on the point.





I wonder if you can recommend me a simple book, with illustrations, on the Punic, Roman, Vandal (if any) & Byzantine coins.

Thanking you for any trouble you may go to in answering my questions

Very truly yours

John F. Parker.

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Mr. John F. Parker
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Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of November 21st, I regret to advise that there is no simple book on Punic and Byzantine coins. Practically the only books available are the British Museum Catalogues, and these are expensive.

Regarding the value of the coins which you have obtained, it may be said that their commercial value is very slight; their numismatic or historical value is quite a different matter, but only an examination could show whether or not they had valuation on this score. If your public library has a copy of Head's "Historia Numorum", you could possibly obtain some of the information you desire by consulting the section devoted to coins of Carthage. This section, however, is not very well illustrated.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.